

# Sun Protection Policy

Clipstone Brook Lower School



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At Clipstone Brook Lower School we acknowledge the importance of sun protection and want staff and pupils to enjoy the sun safely. We will work with staff, pupils and parents to achieve this through:

#### EDUCATION

These measures are in place from now on:

- All pupils will have at least one SunSmart lesson per year
- We will talk about how to be SunSmart in assemblies
- Parents and guardians will be sent information to help raise awareness of the importance of sun safety
- Information on sun safety will be provided in the staff room to raise awareness for teachers and other school staff

#### PROTECTION

This is an ongoing process.

Shade:

- When the sun is strong we will encourage pupils to sit/play in the shade where it is available or take shelter inside at break and lunchtimes if the temperatures are excessive (or state temperature to come inside e.g. 40 degrees)

Timetabling:

- In the summer months we will aim to limit outside activities, school trips and PE lessons during the hottest parts of the day- 11am and 3pm where possible. If this is unavoidable we will ensure hats, clothing and sunscreen are worn to prevent sunburn. Water bottles are an essential school item and are carried outside with the children when learning outside.
- In extreme heat, the lunchtime schedule can be adapted so that time outside is reduced (replaced with free time inside in the shade). This is at the discretion of school lunchtime staff, based on feedback from the children.

Clothing:

- When outside in sunny weather, children are encouraged to wear hats that cover the ears, face and neck (especially the legionnaire style hat).
- Sunglasses are important for eye –protection. However, they can cause issues in school including being a potential hazard if a child trips/falls. Issues can also include broken or lost glasses which causes distress. The school has made the decision to allow families the choice regarding sunglasses. However, the school will accept no responsibility for sunglasses and they are sent in at the discretion/risk of each family.

Sunscreen:

- Families are asked to ensure that Sunscreen is **applied prior to the start of the school day**. Many high quality sunscreens are now available and offer ‘all day protection’

- The school will keep one small bottle of sunscreen for those children that may have forgotten to have their cream applied at home. Where possible, we will seek consent for this from a named contact but will assume consent unless a family contacts us to withdraw their permission.
- We **cannot currently supply sunscreen** to all pupils on a daily basis because of cost. We can also **not** accept personal bottles of sunscreen in school for the following reasons:
  1. Storage (30 children in a class means 30 bottles of sunscreen x 10 classes)
  2. Allergies (children will often share things and this could be a risk to some children)
  3. Application support (we do not have the staff capacity to assist in the application of sunscreen and many children find this a challenge to apply independently)
- If your child has a medical condition that advises the use of sun protection cream, please complete a medication form in the office to be reviewed by the senior leadership team.

We will monitor our progress and review the policy annually. We welcome any suggestions from families.